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THe Marshall *De Biſsacke* commanding the Kings armie, going forth the 27. of May, accompanied with the Earle *D'aueiac* Marshall of the campe, and many voluntaries with an intent onely, to goe abroad into the Plaine, which lyeth betweene Saint *Iulians*, and Saint *Iohn D'angely*, hauing scarse passed ouer the bridges that lye ouer the riuer of *Boutonne*, all his company voluntarily ranne towards the walls of the Towne, to shew how couragiously they were bent to doe good seruice to the King against his enemies: Which caused those within the Towne to send out 25. Musketiers, garded by 3. or 400. foote men and 40. or 50. Commanders well armed and mounted on horsebacke, which appeared as soone as the Marquis *de Thamines*, followed by 50. or 60. Gentlemen without armor, ranne in great haste against those, that had bin sent out, to prouoke them to fight, and with 5. or 6. of his company freed the ditch where they lay, & forced them to forsake it: There *Meſsieurs de Chappes*, and *Bouteuille* horses were hurt, and with that the great body of the enemies appeared; where of 4. among them, armed at all points, and well mounted made forwards towards our forces, and asked whether foure of vs would shoote with Pistolls against them. Which the Barron *de Montenac* willingly graunted

them, to doe although he was vnarmed: *Messieurs de* Saint *Michel*, *Saldanis*, and *Nauilles*, desiring to aide him, who approaching within 12. paces together, were ready to ioine; if the Musketiers on either side shooting one at the other had not caused them to retire.

Whereby that day there was nothing but a light skirmish made by Monsieur *de Pigeollet*: Friday the 28. of May, the place was visited againe by the Earle *d'Auriac*; that sought to procure the enemies to fight, but could not. Saturday the 29. of May, the Duke *de Lesdiguieres* chiefe Marshall of the campe, generall of the Kings armie, came to Saint *Iulian*, and entred into the charge and conduction of the campe Royall, Monsieur *de Brissac* yeilding the same vnto him, and went to the King at *Chize*: The Duke *de Lesdiguieres* desirous fully to know the place; went thether, accompanied with the Prince *de Ginuille*, the Duke *d'Elbœuf*, the Marshall *de Chosne*, Monsieur *de la Rochefoucaud*, Saint *Luc*, *Termes* and diuers other Lords and Gentlemen of qualitie. The enemies sent out certaine foot men which by our forces were made to retire, in that charge the Duke *d'Elbœuf* was hurt with a musket shot in the thigh. Sunday the 30. of May being Whitsunday: The Marshall *de Lesdiguieres* commanded the Earles *de Maurues* and *de Fontenay*, both Maisters of the field for the regiments of *Champagne* and *Piemont*, to sease vpon the Subburbs of *Taillebourg*, which they presently did: Making their barricado within 50. paces of that of the enemie. Monday the last of May, Monsieur the Marshall about noone went to the sayd Subburbs, to burne vp a Portall which the enemies held: And at the first Cannon shot the Prince of *Ginuille*, and the Cardinall *de Guise* went to the Earle of *Maurues* lodging to get neere to the enemie. Monsieur *de Pigeollet* chiefe Captaine and Lieutenant *Colonell* of the regiment of *Champagne*, assailed their barricado so whotly, that his Sergeant was there slaine: With that those two Princes ran thether, and forced the first and second barricado: There many voluntaries were slaine and hurt with Muskets, wanting breath but not courage. It is sayd that Monsieur *de Humieres* was

of them that was hurt, at the forcing of the second barricado: The third, the enemies still held, because there was no more but 30. of our side there to assaile it. There the Earle *de Mauruers* was hurt with a musket shot, and died thereof; and with him *Messieurs, d'Auennes, de Dauphine*, and *de Nauailles*, and *de Beau*.

The Marquis *de Themines* commanded there, and sought to call backe the Lord *Montenac* that had aduanced himselfe tenne paces before the rest of the company; but he tooke no regard thereunto, somuch euery man was encouraged to fight, and deafe by reason of the noise of the muskets that were shot at them by the enemies. Notwithstanding, that 12. or 15. of our men made a barricado neere vnto theirs within a Pistolet shot thereof, although they were not armed; among those fifteene *Messieurs de Bressieux, Chosdebonne, Chetin, Montegnac, Marignan, Crazannes* sonne of Monsieur *de Bordet*, *Descris* nephew to the Cardinall *de Rez*.

They were aboue halfe an houre before any man would send them any pickes or musketiers to aide them, being often times commanded to retire, but they would not, resoluing rather to die then to loose the honor that there they had gotten so braue-ly. At last being constrained thereunto, they retired, bringing with them the body of the Lord *de Bois Verdin*, and of the Cap-taines of the regiment of *Nauarre*, and of 2. other souldiers that were slaine there, being not able to endure that the enemies should triumph for the death of those, who in their liues times had made them quake for feare. Monsieur *de Ginuille*, and Mon-sieur the Marshall *de Chosne*, were shot into the hats with muskets.

The fight hauing endured three long houres: The Lord Mar-shall commanded the retreat, wherewith euery man left their barricadoes: The King and the Lord high Constable, fauoura-bly entertained those that they were told had behaued them-selues best in that fight.

Tuesday the first of Iune, the King caused two Towers of the

Towne to be beaten downe with Cannon shot, whereon there stood two Coluerins, which he forced to fall downe, and besides that made a breach of 15. paces breaking the gouernors house, and three *corps de gard*, in such maner, that continuing as he hath done, he will battle downe all the Towne: The Cannon standing vpon a place of such aduantage, being a little Mount, that they shoot into the streets of the Towne: and dismounted one of their great peeces. Wednesday the 2. of Iune, his Maiesty sent a Hearold of Armes, to commaund Monsieur *de Soubize*, to yeild the Towne vnto him, vpon paine to be proclaimed Traitor.

And he made answere, in these few words, saying. I am a most humble and most obedient seruant to the King, but the execution of his commandement lies not in my power.

Beniamin de Rosan.

Which he spake touching the force of *Bearn*, which made the King goe personally thether; to cause them to obay him, and his Viage succeed so well, God be praised, that at this present he is there as absolutely obayed as in Paris. We hope the like of Saint *Iohn D'Angely* and other places, that will not yeild to his commandements, which tend onely to the peace of Fraunce, his his patience to stay and expect their obedience, sixe moneths long; sufficiently iustifieth the same, and the paines that he hath taken, to dispose them thereunto, by the solicitation of diuers of their Religion, who will witnesse before God and men, of the sincere intent that the King hath, touching that which generally and particularly concerneth the Churches of France. And are the first that will condemne all such rebellions as cause the ruine of the people, and cannot chuse but draw a blame vpon those that are the authors thereof, and in the end the curse of God. Let vs all pray, vnto him to aide our King against his enemies; and to giue him grace to purge his state of all factious persons.

Monsieur

Monſieur *de Soubize* hath ſent vnto the Lord Conſtable to tell him that he will not come out of the Towne: vntill he be carried with his feete forward. Monſieur *de la Trimouille* came to the Campe vpon Wedneſday the 2. of Iune, to ſerue the King.

On Tueſday the firſt of Iune, there came a poſt from Marſhall *de Bouillon*, by whom he made offer to the King, of his ſeruice and meanes, to be employed againſt his rebellious Subiects.

In ſuch maner that it ſeemes, that God leadeth the King by the hand, ſo much all his forces are diſpoſed faithfully to ſerue his Maieſtie.

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